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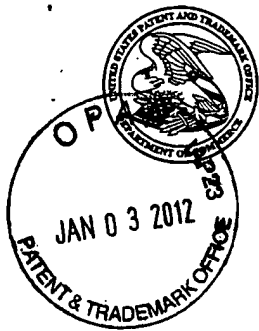
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In re Patent No. 5,969,528 :
Issue Date: 10/19/1999 :
Application Number: 09/012,148 : ON PETITION
Filing Date: 01/22/1998 :
For: DUAL FIELD METAL DETECTOR :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on November 8, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on October 19, 2011, for failure to timely pay the third maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The statement of unintentional delay was not signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the delay in paying the maintenance fee was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was in fact unintentional, petitioner should make a reasonable inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

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The address in the petition is different than the correspondence address. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address in the petition. All future correspondence, however, will be mailed solely to the address of record. A change of correspondence address should be filed if the correspondence address needs to be updated.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.



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